

MAX B. ROTHE

Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950

Max B. Rothe, son of Friedrich Ernst Rothe and Hulda Alwiene Rietschel, was born September 2, 1875, in Germany and baptized May 21, 1897, by Franz Salzner. He emigrated to Utah and arrived in Lehi, May 8, 1898. He worked on the farm during the summer and in the fall he was employed at the Lehi Sugar Factory. During the winter of 1898-1899, he worked in the gold mine at Mercur, Utah.

His church work began as a Sunday School teacher in 1903. He was set apart as Second Counselor to Joseph F. Russon in the Fourth Ward Mutual Improvement Association in 1904. He was ordained a Seventy January 31, 1904, and became one of the presidents of the 127th Quorum of Seventy, January 15, 1911, which position he held for 36 years. In 1905 he was set apart as Assistant Sunday School Superintendent. On June 16, 1912, he was set apart as Superintendent of the Sunday School of the Fourth Ward, which position he held until June 17, 1934.

Mr. Rothe married Annie M. Appleyard, August 15, 1906, in the Salt Lake Temple. Three months later he left for a mission to Switzerland and Germany and returned February 14, 1909. He was called again to fill a mission to the North Central States November, 1926. August 9, 1936, he was set apart as President of the Lehi Stake Mission. On March 13, 1946, he was called to fill a mission to the Northern States for six months. He also filled a home mission in the Alpine Stake. He was Supervisor of the Adult Aaronic Priesthood in the ward. As ward teacher, he performed valuable service when he was not on a mission.

As a farmer, he was very successful; he made the water run over the hill by scraping the hill down so the water would go over it. In dry farming, he was among the first in raising wheat without irrigation.

Annie Matilda Appleyard, daughter of William and Elizabeth Busill Appleyard, was born November 1, 1875, at Oldham, England. She is the mother of eight children, six of whom are living in 1950. Four sons and one daughter have filled missions for the L.D.S. Church and all have been married in the temple. She has always helped her husband so he could perform his duties in the Church. Mrs. Rothe's church work started as a Sunday School teacher in 1904. She was a member of the Old Folks Committee, 1906-1910; was President of the Y.W.M.I.A., 1906-1910; and was a member of the Fourth Ward Choir and a Relief Society teacher for a number of years. In recent years she has done Temple work for her kindred dead.